Welcome Kindergarten 2016!
Yesterday we had 70 Kindergarten students begin at GNPS. It was wonderful to see them so keen and eager, ready to start school. We welcome these students and their families and we know they will have a wonderful time whilst they are part of our wonderful learning community.

I am sure that these students will be outstanding leaders for GNPS and will carry out their duties beautifully! They will be inducted in a special assembly on Tuesday 9th February at 12.35pm. (Next week)

2016 School Leaders
Captains and Prefects
Our 2016 Captains and Prefects are;
Captains: Matilda, Leo
Vice-Captains: Victoria, Charlie
Prefects: Victoria, Tess, Ethan and Luca.
House Captains

Last Friday, at our House Meetings the follow Year 6 students were elected as House captains for 2016. I am sure that these students will show great pride and responsibility when fulfilling these roles during 2016.

Congratulations to House Captains for 2016:

**Boonah**

Captains – Kokiri, Kiarnah, 
Vice Captains – Liam, Fefoi

**Macarthur**

Captains – Jacob, Samantha 
Vice Captains – Tyler, Lacey

**Yoolooma**

Captains – Lachlam, Sophie 
Vice Captains – Enzo, Kiara

**Kooba**

Captains – Jamie, Renee 
Vice Captains – Tanner, Tess

**Come and Meet the Teachers Evening**

This year we will be holding a “Come and Meet the Teachers” Evening instead of the Parent Information Evenings. This will be held on Tuesday 9th February between 5.30 and 6.30pm.

Teachers will be in their classrooms during this time and parents and caregivers are welcome to come along and meet their child’s/ children teacher/s. This will provide an opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet their child’s teacher in a relaxed setting and ask any questions that they need to ask. This will hopefully make it easier for parents and caregivers, as they will only need to come on one night rather than to each classes Information Evening.

**Swimming Carnival**

On Wednesday 17th February 2016 GNPS will be conducting its annual swimming carnival which is being held at the Griffith Aquatic Centre. All students from Years 3-6 are expected to attend, along with the Year 2 students, who are turning 8, who have indicated they are able to confidently swim 50m. Buses will be leaving at 9.20am.

Permission notes will be sent home tomorrow. Please return permission note and money by Monday 15th February 2016.
Classes and Staffing for 2016

Classes and Teachers for 2016 are:

- **KD** – Mrs Kim De Paoli: Relieving Assistant Principal
- **KC** – Mrs Joanne Crawford
- **KL** - Mrs Lisa Allen and Ms Louise McGrail
- **K-1P** – Miss Laura Petrulli
- **1A**- Mrs Celia Allen
- **1/2M** - Mrs Lesley Marshall
- **2UV** – Mrs Joelleen Upcroft and Mrs Sandy Vearing
- **2-3M** – Ms Dianne Maloni
- **3CY** – Mrs Tenille Cappello and Mrs Anne-Marie Young; Assistant Principal
- **3/4A** - Mr Brett Angel
- **4P** – Mr Lachlan Pendlebury
- **4/5S** - Miss Brooke Simpson
- **5W**– Mrs Michelle Woodward; Relieving Assistant Principal
- **6M** – Mrs Helen Morel
- **6D** –Mrs Robyn Delves
- Community Language – Mrs Jodie Pandolfo
- Early Learning Support Class – Miss Deanne Matheson
- Reading Recovery and RFF– Mrs Rani Aitken
- Librarian – Mrs Sue Fordham
- EAL/D and Learning and Support– Mrs Suzi Triggs
- Learning and Support –Mrs Colleen Braithwaite; Assistant Principal
- Mrs Kylie Burley AP Learning and Support
- Mrs Susan Forner Relieving AP Learning and Support
- School Admin Manager – Mrs Janet Signor
- School Admin Officers – Mrs Cheryl Adcock, Mrs Tammy Gale, Mrs Sarah Signor
- School Learning Support Officers – Mrs Helen Cambrell, Ms Anita Kumaran, Mrs Jane Francis, Mrs Allison Forbes, Mrs Jodie Smith, Mrs Rachael Fattore, Mrs Melissa Zambon, Ms Vanessa Blatore and Mr Frank Cirillo
- Groundsman – Mr Keith Chapman
- Canteen Managers – Mrs Adele Rosa and Mrs Paulina Zalunardo

School Uniform

It is wonderful to see the majority of students return to school in their correct uniform. This year we will be continuing with the uniform draw. A reminder that rabens are not allowed to be worn to school. Black closed in shoes are to be worn. The only jewellery to be worn is plain sleepers/studs (other jewellery accepted for religious or medical reasons only)

No nail polish is to be worn.

Hats

During Terms 1 and 4 at Griffith North Public School students are required to wear school hats in the playground. Hats are available from the canteen for $16 each. The girls wear a red hat and the boys wear a grey hat.
Library Bags
It is a good idea for all students to use a library bag to help protect our books and keep track of them. Library bags are available from the school canteen @ $16.00. Other commercial or home-made library bags are also acceptable. Plastic grocery bags are not acceptable. All Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2 students need a library bag to borrow from the school library.

Developing the Borrowing Habit
For children to develop the habit of borrowing library books they need to borrow and return books on a regular basis. This can be achieved by reminding children the night before their library day to get their library books and library bag ready for school. Notes go home when books are overdue and parents can help by checking bags on a regular basis.

P&C Meeting
Our first P&C Meeting for the year is now going to be held next Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th} Feb at 7.15pm in the staffroom. All parents and caregivers from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to attend. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible there!

Canteen News Week 2

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Enclosed in this newsletter is the 2016 menu. There have been a few price increases due to the prices from suppliers increasing. The 2016 Canteen rosters were sent home last week. If anyone is interested in helping in the canteen or making a cake, slice etc, it would be greatly appreciated. Please fill out the roster and return ASAP.

A reminder that all lunch orders need to be handed in by 9.15am, so that students can be guaranteed that they will get what they have ordered.

Thanking you
Adele and Paulina
Canteen Supervisors

Kindergarten 2016!